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1. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL, EMBASSY INQUIRED AT HONDURAS
GOVERNMENT FISHERIES OFFICE WHETHER FOREIGN FISHING
VESSELS COULD FISH IN HONDURAN WATERS. FOLLOWING BASED
ON CONVERSATION WITH MR. CUERTO OF THAT OFFICE. PRESENT
FISHERIES LAW PERMITS LICENSING ONLY HONDURAN FLAG
VESSELS FOR PURPOSES OF COMMERCIAL FISHING IN ITS
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TERRITORIAL WATERS. ONLY HONDURANS AND LEGALLY RESIDENT
ALIENS MAY BE ISSUED FISHING LICENSES AND CONCESSIONS.
HONDURAN TERRITORIAL WATERS PRESENTLY EXTEND ONLY 12 MILES,
BUT JURISDICTION FOR FISHERIES IS EXPECTED TO BE EXTEN-
DED TO 200 MILES IN NEK LAW UNDER PREPARATION. ITS
ADOPTION NOT EXPECTED FOR THREE TO SIX MONTHS. SOME RICH
FISHING GROUNDS OFF HONDURAS' CARIBBEAN COAST ARE OUTSIDE

12-MILE LIMIT.

2. MR. CUERTO POINTED OUT THAT HONDURAN OWNERSHIP AND REGISTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR ACCESS TO FISHING GROUNDS WITHIN 12-MILE MIGHT BE MET BY AFFILIATION WITH ONE OF PLANTS ON HONDURAS BAY ISLANDS, OR FORMING A NEW COMPANY WITH LOCAL PARTNERS. HE ALSO INDICATED THAT HONDURAS MIGHT CONSIDER A BILATERAL AGREEMENT UNDER WHICH SIGNATORY COUNTRIES WOULD GRANT RECIPROCAL FISHING RIGHTS.

3. HONDURAS FISHERIES LAW (DECREE NO. 154 OF 1959) RESERVES COMMERCIAL FISHING TO HONDURAN RESIDENTS AND TO COMPANIES AT LEAST 51 PERCENT LOCALLY OWNED. ONLY NATIVE BORN HONDURANS MAY OWN FISHING BOATS OR BE BOAT CAPTAINS. CATCH MUST BE UNLOADED AND IF FOR EXPORT, THEN ALSO PROCESSED AND PACKED, IN HONDURAN PORTS. NOT ALL PROVISIONS OF THIS 14-PAGE LAW ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED.

4. RAPID GROWTH OF LOBSTER CATCH OFF CARIBBEAN COAST TO 2,000 TONS IN PAST TWO YEARS INDICATES PRESENCE OF RICH FISHING GROUNDS. SEE TEGUCIGALPA A-49 OF JULY 11, 1976. OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL FISHERIES, USDOC CAN PROVIDE FURTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF ABOUT TEN SEAFOOD PACKERS OPERATING HERE. BECKER UNQUOTE VANCE

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